

**REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE -
10 NOVEMBER 2003**

**REPORT ON: SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AND
SMALL GRANTS 2003/2004**

REPORT BY: HEAD OF COMMUNITIES

REPORT NO: 706-2003

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report notes the allocation of funding for SIP 1 from Communities Scotland.
- 1.2 This report makes recommendations for the allocation of SIP 1 funding for the financial year 2003/2004.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 notes the outcome of the SIP decision-making process and agrees the proposals contained in Section 8 of this report.
- 2.2 agrees to the transfer of an additional £25,000 from the SIP1 allocation into the SIP1 Small Grants Fund for the financial year 2003-2004.
- 2.3 instructs officers to proceed with implementation of these proposals, and conditions contained in Appendix A (1) and Appendix A (2).
- 2.4 approves the SIP 1 small grants detailed in Appendix B.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Earlier this year Dundee City Council asked Communities Scotland to approve the carry forward of unspent monies from the 2002-2003 financial year to the current financial year (2003-2004). In September, Communities Scotland approved this request, allocating £30,000 into the current year's SIP1 budget and £10,000 into the current year's SIP2 budget.
- 3.2 SIP 1 and SIP 2 Expenditure 2003/2004.

	Budget	Previously Committed Expenditure	Proposals contained in this Report	Balance Remaining
Social Inclusion Partnership 1	£2,377,621	£2,207,898	£140,000	£29,723
Social Inclusion Partnership 2	£ 219,000	£ 209,250	£ -	£9,750
Total	£2,596,621	£2,417,148	£140,000	£39,473

- 3.3 Provision has been made in the Social Inclusion Partnership fund section of the Communities Department Revenue Budget 2003/2004.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There is a close relationship between Local Agenda 21 targets and the focus of the Social Inclusion Partnership programme. The revenue expenditure proposals contained within this report are intended to meet local needs. The proposals also seek to assist with implementation of the Dundee Partnership's Community Regeneration Strategy. As such, the measures contained in this report will impact on numerous Agenda 21 targets.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The resources made available through the Social Inclusion Partnership fund for geographic neighbourhoods are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 10% of enumeration districts at the time of the 1991 Census. The funding made available is intended to have the effect of equaling opportunities.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 Dundee City Council now supports two separate geographic Social Inclusion Partnership programmes. The first of these programmes:

6.2 Social Inclusion Partnership 1 – covers Ardler, Kirkton, Mid Craigie /Linlathen and the Hilltown. The programme was approved in November 1996 and has the potential to run up to 31 March 2007.

6.3 The funding has been provided to assist the Dundee Partnership deliver the Community Regeneration Strategy approved by Communities Scotland. This strategy is based on four themes:

- Empowerment
- Prosperity
- Stability
- Sustainability

7.0 THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS

7.1 The criteria set out by Communities Scotland for the operation of Social Inclusion Partnerships requires the active involvement of a range of stakeholders, including representatives from the community and voluntary sectors.

7.2 The statutory partners are expected to contribute to the achievement of the strategies through their own resources.

7.3 The City Council is the grant recipient, and is accountable for the stewardship of these funds. It does so, however, under the auspices of the Social Inclusion Partnership Board.

7.4 During the assessment and decision-making process, there has been considerable involvement by local people through their participation in the structures of the Social Inclusion Partnership. All applications have been considered by the local SIP groups in each of the SIP 1 areas. The applications have also been considered by the SIP Grants Group and endorsed by the SIP Board.

7.5 The contribution made by local people in this process has been considerable, and their contribution is an integral part of the assessment and decision-making process.

7.6 The sequence and stages involved in this decision-making process have been reported and approved in previous reports.

7.7 In its approach to the allocation of Social Inclusion Partnership funding, the Social Inclusion Partnership Board must take account of a variety of factors. These include the Scottish Executive Guidance and Conditions of Grant, the specific themes and measures of the Social Inclusion Partnership Strategy, the priorities and needs identified by local people and the local Action Plans which have been developed for each of the Social Inclusion Partnership 1 communities.

8.0 PROPOSALS

8.1 Revenue Expenditure Proposals – Social Inclusion Partnership 1

8.1.1 The following proposals are recommended for funding from the SIP 1 Core Grant:

SIP 1 New Applications totalling £140,000

- Longtown Road Environmentals - £15,000
- Brooksbank Alterations - £100,000
- SIP1 Small Grants - £25,000

Appendix A(1) and Appendix A(2) provide further details for the projects listed above.

8.2 SIP 1 Small Grants (Appendix B). Value of Recommendation £10,389

9.0 CONSULTATION

9.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), the Directors of Planning and Transportation, Economic Development, Leisure and Arts and Housing.

9.2 Partnership agencies, community representatives and voluntary sector representatives have also been consulted and involved in the assessment of applications, and the formation of recommendations contained in this report.

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information were relied on to any material extent in the preparation of this report).

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3 November 2003

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2003/2004 APPENDIX A(1)

Project Title: Longtown Road – Environmentals
Sponsoring Body: Planning and Transportation – Dundee City Council
Type of Application: New
Start Date: November 2003
Target Area: Mid Craigie & Linlathen

1. **Description of Project**

The project is part of much greater environmental improvements to Mid Craigie. Specifically the SIP funding will ensure the completion of the area cycle track. This will link local cycle provision into area and city-wide networks.

2. **Project Management**

The project will be managed by Dundee City Council's Planning and Transportation Department and form part of the plan for physical area regeneration.

3. **Partnership Assessment**

This application found support from across the partnership. It was recognised that the SIP contribution was a relatively small but important addition to the £315,000 being spent on related activity in the area.

4. **Sustainability**

The Planning and Transportation Department will ensure the ongoing maintenance of the development in conjunction with other Council Departments.

5. **Recommendations and Conditions**

Support from November 2003 to March 2004 - £15,000

The application is supported on the understanding that the SIP monies allocated are spent by 31 March 2004.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND 2003/2004 APPENDIX A(2)

Project Title: Brooksbank Alterations
Sponsoring Body: Brooksbank Partnership
Type of Application: New
Start Date: November 2003
Target Area: SIP 1

1. Description of Project

This project will allow the provision of crèche facilities and improve disabled access to toilets. Additionally it will create a meeting space for the dedicated use of community groups. In turn this allows for the entire building to be used in a more sustainable fashion.

2. Project Management

The project will be managed through the Brooksbank Management Group that brings together the Anti-Poverty Forum, the Money Advice Support Team and Dundee City Council.

3. Partnership Assessment

Whilst it was recognised that this was a major undertaking, the project enjoys support from across the partnership.

4. Sustainability

In recognition of the role that this development will play in supporting the capacity of local individuals and groups it has been agreed to support the application with £30,000 from Empowering Communities monies. This is indicative of community support and will assist in ensuring the use of the building. In this way the needs of the SIP communities to have bases from which development will be linked to this project.

5. Recommendations and Conditions

Support from November 2003 to March 2004 - £100,000

The project to be supported on the basis that steps are taken to spend the monies by 31 March 2004.

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SIP 1 Small Grants

Total Fund Available - £30,067

Ref	Applicant	Area	Initiative	Full Amount	Requested	Grant Awarded	Comments
S1SG/59	Green Ardler 2	Ardler	Environmental Education Classes	£ 2,944	£ 2,944	£ 2,244	Reduced amount to March 2004
S1SG/60	Ardler Village Trust	Ardler	Community Newsletter/Village Trust Booklet	£ 4,700	£ 4,700	£ 2,950	Reduced amount to March 2004
S1SG/62	Another Level Dance Team	Kirkton	Community Activities / Volunteer Expenses	£ 1,930	£ 1,930	£ 1,000	Contribution to costs
S1SG/65	Money Advice Support Team	SIP 1	Computer Equipment	£ 2,400	£ 2,400	£ 2,400	
S1SG/66	Decoupage Group	Kirkton	Craft Group Materials	£ 460	£ 460	£ 460	
S1SG/67	Near Not Dear	Kirkton	Food Co-op Equipment	£ 830	£ 830	£ 830	
S1SG/68	Ardler/St Mary's Feel Good Group	Ardler / St Mary's	Part Costs Feel Good Training	£ 1,464	£ 505	£ 505	
S1SG/69	Kirkton Community Support	Kirkton	Audit Costs	£ 2,115	£ 2,115	-	Money to be found from Core Grant Slippage
Total				£16,843	£15,884	£10,389	

Total Available Fund 2003/2004	£ 100,000
Previously Allocated	£ 69,933
Less Recommendations	<u>£ 10,389</u>
Remaining Balance	£ 19,678